

Amendments to the Claims:

1-34 (Cancelled).

35. (Previously Presented) A method of providing permanent support to an internal organ or tissue within a patient's body comprising the steps:

a) providing a surgical implant, said implant comprising:

i) first and second suture lines having proximal and distal ends, each line being extensible through dedicated target sites of soft tissue in a distal direction;

ii) a plurality of anchor members disposed linearly upon each respective line, each respective one of said plurality of anchor members being operative to penetrate into and become embedded in fixed position within said soft tissue at said target site;

iii) each respective one of said plurality of said anchor members being operatively configured such that said line is advanceable through said soft tissue at said selected target site in a first distal direction and incapable of movement in an opposite direction; and

iv) a permanently implantable sling disposed intermediate the proximal ends of said lines; and

b) introducing said implant in step a) within a patient's body such that the sling is positioned adjacent said internal organ or tissue and advancing said lines through dedicated target sites such that the sling is permanently positioned adjacent said internal organ or tissue.

36-43 (Cancelled)

44. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 35, wherein in step a) each respective one of said plurality of anchor members comprises generally V-shaped prongs having said line extend axially therethrough.

45-49 (Cancelled)

50. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 35 wherein in step (b), said implant is positioned adjacent the urethra.

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51. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 50 wherein in step (b), said sling is positioned beneath the urethra.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 35 wherein in step (b), said sling is positioned beneath the urethra and operative to define a space therebetween.